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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable picture storage device comprising:

an input for receiving a plurality of pictures;

a storage area for storing the plurality of pictures; and

a plurality of user interface indicators, wherein each indicator is associated with a respective meta data of a plurality of meta data, and each meta data indicates at least one disposition of a plurality of dispositions;

wherein at least one picture of the plurality of pictures, via activation of an indicator, is associated with a meta data and thereby at least one disposition.

- 2. The portable picture storage device of claim 1 wherein: the one picture is associated with the meta data during storage into the device.
- 3. The portable picture storage device of claim 1 wherein the at least one disposition is selected from the group consisting of:

printing, storing to another storage area, e-mailing to a recipient, image processing, and deleting.

- 4. The portable picture storage device of claim 1 wherein: the device is a camera and the input is a lens imaging system.
- 5. The portable picture storage device of claim 1 wherein: the device is a scanner and the input is a scanning mechanism.

6. The portable picture storage device of claim 1 wherein:

the device is coupled to a computer system, which receives the one picture, and processes the one picture according to the meta data associated with the one picture.

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- 7. A system for managing disposition of a plurality of pictures, comprising: an input means for receiving a plurality of pictures; a storage means for storing the plurality of pictures; and means for indicating at least one disposition of a plurality of dispositions;
- wherein at least one picture of the plurality of pictures, via the means for indicating, is associated with said at least one disposition of the plurality of dispositions.
- the one picture is associated with the at least one disposition during storage into the device.
- 9. The system of claim 7 wherein the at least one disposition is selected from the group consisting of:

printing, storing to another storage area, e-mailing to a recipient, image processing, and deleting.

10. The system of claim 7 wherein: the system is a camera.

The system of claim 7 wherein:

- 11. The system of claim 7 wherein: the system is a scanner.
- 12. The system of claim 7 further comprising:

coupling means for connecting the system to a computer, wherein the computer includes means for receiving the one picture, and means for processing the one picture according to the at least one disposition associated with the one picture.

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13. A method for managing disposition of a plurality of pictures, comprising: receiving a plurality of pictures; storing the plurality of pictures; and

associating an indication of at least one disposition of a plurality of dispositions with at least one picture of the plurality of pictures.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein:

the step of associating is operative with the step of storing.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the dispositions are selected from the group consisting of:

printing, storing to another storage area, e-mailing to a recipient, image processing, and deleting.

16. The method of claim 13 further comprising:

connecting the system to a computer;

receiving, by the computer, the one picture;

processing, by the computer, the one picture according to the at least one disposition associated with the one picture.